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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Solarz:

This is in response to your letter of 27 March 1986, to our General Counsel concerning Kurt Waldheim. I note that in a letter dated 8 April 1986 you also made a request for information on this same subject under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). (U)

Your March letter refers to your earlier inquiry on this subject dated 27 November 1980. As our 31 December 1980 response thereto indicated, the Agency had at that time "no intelligence reporting in detail on Waldheim's military service." This statement continues to be true today. Specifically, a search of all Agency records concerning Dr. Kurt Waldheim, born 21 December 1918 in St. Andrea-Woedern, Austria, reveals a single reference to an "Oberleutnant Waldheim" (first name unknown), born circa 1915-1916; height 1.82m.; light hair and eyes, who was allegedly a member of the Abwehr and a subordinate of Oberstleutnant (Lt. Col.) Warnstorff, or Warnsdorf, when Warnsdorf was an Abwehr commander in Salonica, Greece. Since there is no additional information on "Oberleutnant Waldheim," we are unable to confirm whether or not this was a reference to Kurt Waldheim. (S)

With respect to the statements in your letter concerning an investigation of Mr. Waldheim, the Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), is vested with the responsibility within the Executive Branch for investigating allegations of Nazi activity or involvement. Accordingly, we defer to OSI and the Attorney General on this issue. (U)

I trust the above is responsive to your 27 March letter. Your FOIA request is being handled in separate channels. (U)

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